

**Beekmantown Central School District**

**Policy Committee**

**Place: Superintendent's Office**

**March 17, 2014**

**Minutes**

Attendees: Eric Anderson, Board Member  
Andrew Brockway, Board Member  
Ed Marin, Board Member  
Daniel Mannix, Superintendent  
Joanne Menard, Secretary to Superintendent/District Clerk

Others: Olga Nelly Collazo, HS Principal  
Bradley Cech, Ex-Officio, Student Board Member  
Amy Campbell, MS Principal (*arrived at 9:31 pm*)

Meeting called to order at 9:20 a.m.

1. **Policy 4741 Academic Ranking and Recognition** – The Superintendent and Board Member Eric Anderson thanked Bradley Cech on the way he conducts business as a student board member and what he brings to the table. The Superintendent commented that this policy was reviewed with students, administration, staff and community members. The proposed revised policy would not take affect until the 2013-2014 school year. Bradley Cech informed the committee a survey was conduct on Friday, March 14, 2014 with the student body on the proposed policy and submitted the student's comments. The survey is broken down by students who are opposed to the changes, graduation speakers and students who agree with the changes. Also, a letter was submit by Sharon Roraback dated March 16, 2014.

MS Principal Amy Campbell arrived at 9:31 a.m.

Considerable discussion ensued on high honor roll, honor roll, and graduation speakers and why a policy is needed. The number of speakers for graduation will be reviewed since the proposed change will not affect this year's graduating class. Bradley Cech to submit suggestions to the high school principal.

Bradley Cech departed the time at 10:25 a.m.

**Extra Credit** – Andrew Brockway inquired if the district has a policy on giving extra credit to raise grades. Mrs. Collazo, HS Principal commented that a teacher can give extra credit in class and there is no extra credit for honor courses, just extra work. This will be reviewed by the policy committee.

2. **Policy 4532 School Volunteers** – The Superintendent informed the committee that according to State Education Law, volunteers do not need to be fingerprint; however, according to district policy #4532 School Volunteers, volunteers need to be fingerprinted. The law states that when you have contact with an individual(s) for more than five days and are paid, then you need to be fingerprinted. The Superintendent informed the committee that the district was looking at a program that will scan your driver’s license and check your criminal background. Said policy was referred to the next safety committee meeting.
3. **Policy 4531 Field Trips & Excursions** – The Superintendent informed the committee that the policy needs to be reviewed since athletic teams travel more than 100 miles away for contests. The Superintendent to submit a revised policy to the committee.

Amy Campbell, MS Principal and Nelly Collazo departed at the meeting at 10:40 a.m.

4. **Policy 2410 Policy Development** – The Superintendent submitted policy #2410 Policy Development which explains how policies are developed.

The committee to submit available dates for future Policy Committee Meetings for April, May & June to the District Clerk.

The meeting was adjourned. Time 10:49 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Joanne Menard, District Clerk